



Agenda Item Number: 2006-8-6C

BERNALILLO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: August 9, 2006

Department: Public Works Division **Staff Contact:** Tim West, Deputy County Manager for Public Works

TITLE: Isleta Boulevard Phase II Reconstruction Project

ACTION: Motion to approve Administrative Resolution AR -2006 authorizing the County Manager to award and execute contract amendments or other Agreements on behalf of the Board with respect to the reconstruction of Isleta Boulevard Phase II during the period from August 9, 2006 through June 25, 2007.

SUMMARY:

The Isleta Boulevard Phase II Reconstruction Project will improve 1.8 miles of roadway within the Isleta Boulevard corridor and approximately 2.2 miles of roadway on specific side streets in the project area. The project includes relocation, replacement and construction of additional water and sanitary sewer infrastructure along with road realignment, widening, traffic controls and lighting, sidewalks, storm drainage infrastructure and landscaping for this historic roadway. The Board awarded the contract for construction that began August 2005 with a completion date of June 25, 2007.

Approximately eleven months remain in the construction period. Additional work including design and construction for utility infrastructure has been added through two previous amendments approved by the Board during the contract period. The project area has been in existence for many decades and existing subsurface infrastructure locations have been problematic in being vertically and horizontally inaccurate causing infrastructure redesign efforts throughout the first half of the construction project. PNM has experienced labor shortages from personnel retirements and mandated training for its electrical and natural gas labor force that have decreased its number of field crews available to this and other similar infrastructure projects. Delay to construction activity has resulted at different times during the construction period for these and other reasons.

The Public Works Division continues its efforts to complete the project in a timely manner. In an effort to facilitate the project's timely completion, staff requests the Board's approval of an additional grant of authority to the County Manager with respect to amending the construction contract or entering into other agreements that will offset the experienced delays by additional contractual resources required to advance and accelerate the construction as those are identified and detailed.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Administrative Resolution AR -2006

FISCAL IMPACT

None

STAFF ANALYSIS SUMMARY**COUNTY MANAGER**

The Isleta Boulevard Reconstruction Project is the largest transportation infrastructure project historically undertaken by the county. Our commitment made to the public to reconstruct the project within the limits of the original time line will require production acceleration that can be enhanced substantively by the Manager having the authority to execute contract amendments for the remainder of the project. I recommend approval of staff's recommendation. TL 7/26/06

DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER FOR PUBLIC WORKS

The reconstruction period for Isleta Boulevard Phase II project was a total of 20 months. Due to complexity of the project's multiple elements, the additional utility work undertaken, the existing infrastructure age and the inaccuracies of records depicting subsurface infrastructure location, completing the project on time will require construction acceleration combined with service provision by the major participants in the project. Discussion is underway that will continue through the remaining period of the contract with all major and prime participants, to ensure deliberate speed and quality production occur through additional resources such as labor and equipment, when determined appropriate actions. There exists sufficient Federal and other funds specifically appropriated and programmed solely for the Isleta Project that will be used for this purpose. I recommend the Board additionally authorize the Manager to enable execution of agreements to achieve the goal of completion of the project on time. TW 7/26/06

LEGAL

Authorization for County Manager to execute and award Contract Amendments and Agreements in excess of \$100,000 for Isleta for period from August 9, 2006 through June 25, 2007. Approved as to form only. Deborah S. Seligman, Legal 7/25/06

FINANCE**Budget**

There is no direct fiscal impact with this Agenda Item and attached Resolution. If approved, the County Manager will have authorization to award and execute contract amendments or other agreements in excess of \$100,000 on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners with respect to the timely completion of the Isleta Boulevard Reconstruction Phase II Project. Amy Childers, Financial Services Administrator 7/24/06

Purchasing

Proper purchasing procedures will be followed in the process of amending the construction contract or entering into other agreements for the Isleta Boulevard Phase II Reconstruction Project. R. Suazo, Purchasing Administrator 7/20/06

Contracts

No comment required. R. Suazo, Purchasing Administrator 7/24/06

Risk Management

No comment necessary. David Baca, Risk Management 7/24/06